

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 2342 - SB 2462

January 31, 1998

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes and requires a uniform statewide speed limit of 20 miles per hour in all school zones and defines the parameters of such zones. Persons violating the school zone speed limits would be guilty of reckless driving, a Class B misdemeanor. Current law makes such speed limits permissive and sets the speed limit not to exceed 15 mph.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$100,000 One-Time**

Impact assumes that, to the extent that such speed limits are not currently established and posted, or are established at 15 mph, the cost of signage and flashers to indicate a speed limit of 20 mph would exceed \$100,000.

Impact also assumes that in those school zones where there is currently no limit set, additional citations would be issued for reckless driving. The fiscal impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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